To give the best scholar but as great a proportion as the meanest artisan, or to give all alike, there is no equality , for *matquahbus aequalia dare absurdum* And this will breed poverty in the greatest learned, which is the mother of contempt, a thing both dangerous and odious unto divinity This must needs enforce preachers to preach *placentia,* which is a thing abhorred e\en of God himself A preacher, who is no ordinary person, ought to have an extraordinary reward *

After other speeches an old doctor of the Civil Law spake, but because he was too long and spale too low, the House hawked and spat and kept up a great coil to cause him male an end Whereupon Sir Francis Hastings stood up and said,[6] My masters, I utter mishke this strange kind of course in the House It is an ancient use that every man here should speak his conscience, and that both freely and with attention Yea though he speak never so absurdly I beseech you therefore that this may be amended, and this troubhng of any man in his speech no more used ' Then he addressed himself to the bill, which in the end by the more voices is ordered to be committed

zotb November A BOOK AGAINST ASTROLOGY

Mr John Chamber, one of the Prebendaries of the Chapel of Windsor and Fellow of Eton College hath written a learned treatise against judicial astrology Noteth it as a gross and heathenish superstition, condemned by the Church in all ages * Witchcraft,' quoth he, * because it toucheth our hogs and cattle sometime, findeth now and then some hard entertain-ment, as it well deserveth, but this damnable superstition, which dishonoured! God, polluteth heaven, deceiveth and seduceth men, goeth without touch or check, the astrologer

'scaping while the witch is punished * Moreover of late some even of the practizers have gone about to reform it, setting out reformed almanacks wherein they have not meddled at all with wind, weather, dismal days, purges and such like, but only with changes of the moon, festival days, and such like

A BILL CONCERNING MONOPOLIES

There was great debate in the Parliament to-day concerning monopolies, and the best course of remedying these abuses, seeing that they touch upon her Majesty's prerogative Where-